



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

August 26, 2009  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Executive Tower  
1700 West Washington Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi) was convened on August 26, 2009 at the Executive Tower, 1700 West Washington Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

<b>Members Present (11)</b>	
<b>Wendy Wolfersteig, Vice-Chair, Arizona State University</b>	
<b>Emma Kibisu, Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services</b>	
<b>Catherine Osborn, Arizona Department of Education</b>	
<b>Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections</b>	
<b>Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Services (via teleconference)</b>	
<b>Meena Shahi, First Things First</b>	
<b>Steve Gendler, Arizona Department of Public Safety</b>	
<b>Michael Dolny, Arizona Department of Corrections</b>	
<b>Katherine Guffey, Arizona Department of Economic Security (via teleconference)</b>	
<b>Dennis Embry, Paxis Institute (via teleconference)</b>	
<b>Zeenat Mahal, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (via teleconference)</b>	
<b>Staff/Guests Present (8)</b>	<b>Members Absent (5)</b>
Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF, DSAP	Phillip Stevenson, Chair, ACJC
Gail Spore, AZ Dept. of Public Safety	Richard Porter, ADHS
Angela Baldasare, PPP	Gowri Shetty, ADHS
David Choate, ASU	Charles Katz, ASU
Michael Sheldon, ADHS/DBHS	Amy Stuart, AOC
Alf Olson, ADC	
Michelle Neitch, ACJC	
Gita Bewtra, ADHS (via teleconference)	



A. **Call to Order**

**Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with eleven (11) members, one (1) staff and seven (7) guests present.

B. **Welcome and Introductions**

**Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. **Review of Packet and Agenda**

**Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** reviewed the packet and agenda with the members.

D. **Approval of Minutes**

**Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** requested a review of the July 15, 2009 meeting minutes.

- **Meena Shahi** moved to approve the meeting minutes as written. **Michael Dolny** seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (11) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

E. **Announcements**

- **Meena Shahi** reminded members that First Things First lists its grant opportunities on its website: <http://www.aztff.gov>.

F. **SPF SIG Evaluation**

- **Angela Baldasare**, Ph.D., Technical Services Division Director of Pima Prevention Partnership (PPP), the SPF SIG evaluation agency, presented information to the group on the progress made on the SPF SIG evaluation, including the following:
  - Arizona SPF SIG Target Issues;
  - State Outcomes Analysis;
  - SPF SIG Evaluation Focus;
  - National Outcome Measures Cross-Site Evaluation "Data Drill"; and
  - Hospital Data

G. **Open Meeting Law Clarifications**

- **Jeanne Blackburn**, Governor Jan Brewer's Office for Children, Youth and Families, Division for Substance Abuse Policy Staff, reviewed the Open Meeting Law with the group in order to ensure that it continues to conduct meetings in a transparent manner, allowing input from the public.



#### H. **Emerging Issues Subcommittee Update**

- As a standing agenda item of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group, **David Choate**, Chair of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee, updated the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group on its recent projects and accomplishments:
  - The narrative for the Life Path Project is being edited based upon feedback from the Emerging Issues Subcommittee group members.
  - The focus of the current Spotlight Report is co-occurring disorders. **Mr. Choate** indicated that the report will examine co-occurring disorders among detained youth as well as among incarcerated adults. Data will be supplied by the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections and the Arizona Department of Corrections.
  - Data from the School Resource Officer Survey will inform a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter School Resource Officer Spotlight Report.

#### I. **2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile**

- **Jeanne Blackburn** updated the group members on the progress made towards the completion of the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*, which includes the construction of a mock website that will allow public members and policy makers to utilize the data in an interactive fashion to create tables, graphs and maps of substance abuse prevalence and its associated consequences.

#### J. **Epi Project: PowerPoint Presentation for Coalitions, Conferences, Etc.**

- **Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** updated the group on the proposed creation of a PowerPoint presentation that group members would be responsible for presenting to communities, policy advisers, etc. The presentation would be populated with data from the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* upon the report's completion.
  - After a discussion, the group decided that until such time that potential audiences and questions to be addressed are better defined, the item would be tabled, to be discussed again when these details have been determined.

#### K. **Review of the July 2009 Auditor General's Office Report 09-07: *Performance Audit of the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services—Substance Abuse Treatment Programs***

- **Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** asked members to review the Auditor General's Office Report 09-07 during and after the meeting in order to prepare themselves for any requests from the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership and/or the Arizona Department of Health Services for assistance in addressing its recommendations.



#### L. Future Agenda Items

- **Jeanne Blackburn** informed the group that "Future Agenda Items" will be a standing agenda item. This time will be used for members of the group and the public to suggest items to be placed on future agendas.
  - She clarified that the substantive content of these items cannot be discussed. Rather, this agenda item allows individuals to suggest agenda items for discussion/action at a future meeting.
    - **Zeenat Mahal** suggested that the sustainability of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group should be discussed at the next meeting.
    - **Wendy Wolfersteig** suggested the addition of the review process for the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* to be added to the September agenda.
    - **Wendy Wolfersteig** suggested How to Market the *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* should be discussed at a meeting after the document is completed.

#### M. Call to Public

**Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig** made a call to public.

- **Michelle Neitch** replied to the call, indicating that questions for the 2010 Arizona Youth Survey are being finalized and asked the group members and members of the public to send her any suggestions they have toward this effort.

#### N. Adjournment

- **Michelle Anderson** moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and **Meena Shahi** seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (11) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

Dated the 29<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2009  
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Jeanne Blackburn  
Data Analyst, Division for Substance Abuse Policy